

Newsletter Autumn 2010

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the new term.

Following our school production at the end of July I am delighted that our beautiful dancers raised £4000 for various charities, £2000 going to Woking Hospice, £1000 to Northern Ballet and the remainder to the Methodist Church in Byfleet and an educational fund (not mine!). I should like to place on record my sincere love and thanks to all who were involved in Ballet Encore.

Examination Results

Royal Academy of Dance results were exceptional.

62 candidates took their grade examinations, 39 passing with Distinction and 15 with Merit and 8 Pre-Primary candidates receiving their class award.

The 90 club were: Grade 1- Ruby Brown and Louisa Woodward both with 92%; Grade 2-Summer Gregory-Taylor 92%; Grade 3 Abigail Helsby 91% and Rosalind Helsby 97%; Grade 4- Emily Bousfield 92%, Emily Dougans 99%, Oliver Wilkinson-Smith 98%; Grade 5- Amy Charlton 99%; Grade 6 Lilly Brown 97%, Nadia Slater 95%. These were topped only by Rosie Dinsdale Grade 4 and Niamh Robinson Grade 5 who achieved the perfect 100%

Vocational examination results were equally thrilling.

Intermediate Foundation; Lara Driscoll, Merit

Intermediate; Skye Hester, Merit.

Advanced 2: ARAD's awarded to Reade Kiefer, Distinction, Rebecca McVeigh, Merit and Annabel Pearce, Distinction.

ISTD Tap and Modern Results

Miss Helen reports her results were 5 A's, 5 B's and 2 C's for the grade examinations.

The 90 club were Olivia Leitch with 96%, Amy Charlton and Katie Valentine with 90%, all for Grade 6 Modern.

Helen Cordingley was awarded an A for her Intermediate Tap. She has been with us since the age of three and is going to Warwick University to study History of Art.

Many congratulations to all our examination candidates.

Other seniors leaving are:-

Natalie Dodd to Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance. Natalie achieved 8 A*'s, 2 A's and 1 B at GCSE.

Annabel Pearce to Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama to study for a degree in Modern Ballet. Annabel achieved 4 A's at AS Level.

Rebecca McVeigh to Durham University to study Biology. Rebecca achieved an A*, 2 A's and a B at A Level.

Hannah Punter to Cambridge University to study Natural Sciences. Hannah achieved 3 A*s and an A at A Level.

Exam successes of pupils still with us are:-

Amber Brooker 3 A*s, 7 A's 2 B's

Sophie Morgan 8 A/A*'s 2 B's

Emma Riggs 6 A*'s 4 A's.

How proud we are that these girls can continue attending their ballet classes regularly as well as studying for their public examinations. Very well done. We applaud you all.

Special Congratulations to Quinn Kiefer who still regularly attends class with us. Quinn has been awarded a First Class Degree in Operational Research from London School of Economics, coming top of her class.

Congratulations also to Sophie Morgan who was given a Jazz Award at her Summer School in Devon and invited to spend a day at Performers College.

Wayne Eagling, Director of English National Ballet visited the school in his search for dancers for his new production of The Nutcracker and we were filmed by BBC4 for their documentary, A Year in the Life of English National Ballet.

In July some lucky students had the privilege of appearing on stage at Covent Garden with the wonderful Bolshoi Ballet and Opera Companies. Imogen Alvares, Kerri Brown, Lilly Brown, Emma Hunter, Olivia Leitch, Rebecca Mabin, Hope Roberts, Katie Valentine and Breezy Haywood appeared with the Ballet Company. Alexander and Emma Lewis, Oliver Wilkinson-Smith and Lucy and Robert Wood appeared with the Opera Company.

With so many rules and regulations re children's performance licences it is vital that you ask the school if you want your child to attend outside auditions, workshops etc. We were delighted to see Cameron Helsby playing the main role of Billy in Billy Elliot in Woking at just ten years old and we are always proud to support our pupils.

Dates

Half Term 18th October– 30th October inclusive
End of term Tuesday 30th November.

RAD Grade Examinations 16th, 17th, 18th December
ISTD Tap and Modern Examinations 11th, 12th December
Epworth Choir Christmas Carol Concert Monday 13th December

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN BILLING PROCEDURE

In the interests of keeping costs down and being eco friendly invoices will be produced at the end of this term for the Spring Term but from 2011 onwards printed invoices will not be produced as a matter of course. Payment will still be due before the start of term and should be sent to Arden Cottage as usual.

All classes with the exception of Nursery Ballet (£65), Primary Tap (£50) and Primary Modern (£50) are £70 a term. These prices are for payment in advance a term at a time. There is a charge of £5 per class for late payment.

If there is any doubt about your bill please phone Avril on 01420 86876 or email her at sradmin@tiscali.co.uk. If you have a particular need for a printed copy a pdf attachment can be sent in response to an email request.

Many thanks to all who settle their accounts before the start of term as requested. At the moment I am managing to maintain the cost of classes at the present level and prompt payment is one of the factors in so doing.

Once again my love and grateful thanks to all who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our pupils have the opportunity to fulfill their dreams and aspirations.

Miss Sue